Effective July 1, 2009

Please find attached a sample of the first page as required in 2008 House Bill 475 that became effective July 1, 2009:

- 1. Pages to be printed on one side only.
- 2. Pages not permanently bound.
- 3. Pages not in continuous form.
- 4. No attachments stapled or affixed to any page (except as necessary to comply with statutory requirements.)
 - 5. Individual pages may be stapled together.
 - 6. A firmly attached label with a bar code or return address may be accepted for recording.
 - 7. Print or type must be in a font no smaller than 8 point.
- 8. Font smaller than 8 point shall be accompanied by an exact typewritten or printed copy that meets the 8 point minimum.
- 9. Sufficient legibility to produce clear reproduction, if not shall be accompanied by an exact typewritten or printed copy that meets this requirement, recorded as additional pages.
 - 10. Not to be on paper of less than twenty pound paper.
 - 11. All text sufficient color and clarity to read when reproduced.
 - 12. Signatures in black or blue ink sufficient color and clarity to read when reproduced.
 - 13. Typing, printing or stamping a name shall not interfere with any part of the document.
 - 14. Failure to print or type signature does not invalidated document.
 - 15. First page of document:

document.

- A. Top margin of 3 inches.
- B. Other margins 3/4 inch.
- C. Nonessential information may be placed in "other margins."
- D. No liability for seal or information that extends beyond margin.
- E. Information below 3 inch top margin:
 - 1. Name, address and telephone number of the individual who prepared the
 - 2. Return Address.
 - 3. Title of the document or instrument.
 - 4. All grantors' names.
 - 5. All grantees' names.
- 6. Addresses and phone numbers of grantors and grantees as required by Section 27-3-51.
- 7. Legal description of the property or indexing instruction per Section 89-5-33 (3). If there is insufficient space on the first page for the entire

legal description or the entire indexing instructions, immediately succeeding pages shall be used.

- 16. Exempt documents:
 - A. Document or instrument executed before July 1, 2009.
 - B. Military separation document or instrument.
 - C. Document or instrument executed outside the U.S.
- D. Certified copy of a document or instrument issued by a court or governmental agency, including a vital record.
- E. Document or instrument where one of the original parties is deceased or otherwise incapacitated.
 - F. Document or instrument formatted to meet court requirements.
 - G. Federal tax lien.
 - H. A filing under the Uniform Commercial Code.
- 17. Documents that substantially do not conform to the format standards-add \$10.00. (Not charged on exempted documents.)
- 18. Failures to conform to format standards does not affect the validity or enforceability of the document.